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Breaking ground



ICC begins construction on Connection Center

Staff Reports

Itawamba Community College ceremonially broke ground, June 18, for its Connection Center, which is expected to open on the Fulton Campus during the 2026 spring semester.

In bringing greetings on behalf of the ICC Board of Trustees, Chairman Steve Coleman of Pontotoc called the ceremony “a celebration of the future of ICC and our continued focus on student, employee and community engagement. This outstanding facility will not only serve the students who are enrolled in 2026 but countless students and community members for many years to come.”

ICC President Dr. Jay Allen said that the ceremony was an opportunity to participate in and celebrate another milestone for the College since he arrived as president in 2017. “This groundbreaking is another significant milestone along this ever-changing journey. The building of this \$4.9 million innovative student- and community-

friendly Connection Center will provide state-of-the-art meeting space and a new dining option for all to enjoy.”

The facility, which is being built in the front portion of the Band Hall parking lot, will include a multi-use conference center space and a Chick-fil-A.

The approximately 10,000 square feet of meeting space will provide all audio/visual capabilities and can be configured into one large meeting space or two smaller meeting spaces, Allen said. It will be used for college and community meetings, events and instructional activities. The remaining 3,000 square feet will house Chick-fil-A through Sodexo, ICC’s food service provider. It will be open to students, employees and the community. Although it will not have a drive-thru, it will provide the same great service and dedication to detail, according to Allen.

Allen also said that construction will begin soon on a new sidewalk that will start

on the Fulton square and continue to the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway made possible through a partnership with the city and a grant from the Mississippi Department of Transportation.

“ICC’s Connection Center will not only serve as a new staple for our college experience, but it will serve as an asset to our local communities with its convenient location adjacent to the new pedestrian walkway,” Allen noted.

Additional program participants included Michael Taylor, president of Pryor-Morrow Architects, and Charles Diggs, district manager for Sodexo, which has been in discussion with ICC for this opportunity for more than three years. Fulton and Itawamba County-based JESCO Construction will be the contractor.

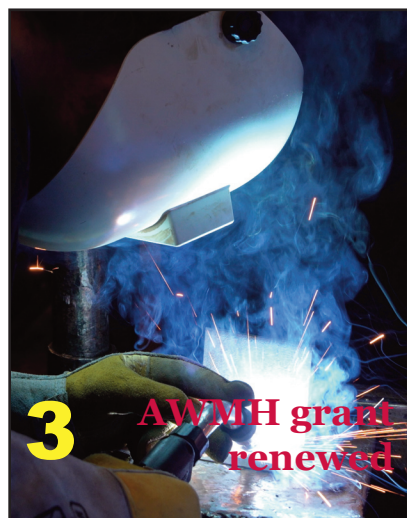
Local and state funds are supporting the construction of this facility, in addition to a more than \$1.2 million investment by Sodexo.



Monroe, Sheffield formally reopen

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VIEWPOINT
SHELBY STIDHAM
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First generation...
my story could be yours

I have always known in the back of my head that graduating from high school meant automatically going to college, but when the time came to decide where to go, I had no clue.

My parents didn't have the opportunity to go to college. Therefore, it was important for me to go and continue my education. I had a ton of support from them when deciding. Some first-generation college students don't have that luxury.

Being the first in my family to enroll in college came with a bit of pressure.

I wanted to go straight to a university, but in my heart, I knew I wasn't ready. The university experience seemed overwhelming coming from a small town. I was an above-average student from a graduating class of 90 with little faith in myself to make it through university. That's when I decided that the community college route was for me.

By coming to ICC, I achieved the status of a first generation college student. With little faith in myself to make it through, I wanted to prove myself wrong. I wanted to break the cycle in my family of not going through college.

And I did just that.

When I got in the classroom, I felt more motivated and determined to succeed in my academics. I got better grades on tests than I did in high school, and I have made the President's list every semester.

Being a first-generation college student was scary. Translating those feelings and experiences to my parents was difficult. I had no one to turn to and no one in my family to talk to about what I was going through. And there were challenges. Again, some students in the same situation as I don't have individuals in their lives who will just listen. The college experience is unfamiliar to them, and there is no common bond.

While living on campus, I have found many friends who are able to relate to coming from a first-generation college student standpoint. I have been able to rant about the daily annoyances of being a college student to them.

While at ICC, I have been an orientation leader, am on the Chieftain staff, part of the honors program and overall, a part of the college community, which includes many people like me. There are opportunities I would have missed had I not chosen the college route.

This school has taught me so much, and I have found out more about myself. I believe ICC has played a major role in shaping who I am today. I found what I like about myself and what I like about other people.

I found I value education more now than I did before. That made my decision to taking the steps to become an elementary teacher easier. I want others to view education as more than what they already do. I want to make education fun for others.

Every time I have the chance to talk to a potential first-generation student, I share my experience and the benefits of going to college, especially ICC. I only wish I had a first-generation student to talk to when I was getting started.

While I still have two more years to complete after graduating from ICC, I feel I am now more prepared than ever. I can't wait to get to the University of Alabama and continue my journey.

This is my story, but as a first-generation student, it can be your story, too. Take some time to get to know other first-generation students. Be an encourager, and most importantly, be a listener, because our stories are very similar.

OPINION
POLL

What
do you
think?

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What is
the impact
of
community
colleges?
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Staff Reports

“Yes, I go to community college. No, it isn't because I couldn't get in anywhere else.”
- Unknown

“Community colleges are one of America's greatest social inventions, a gateway to the future for first-time students looking for an affordable college education and for mid-career students looking to get ahead in the workplace.” -
Barbara Mikulski

“Community colleges play an important role in helping people transition between careers by providing the retooling they need to take on a new career.”
- Barack Obama

“For decades, community colleges have been the backbone of American workforce training because they are nimble and closely attuned to local community needs. They are inherently positioned to be influential leaders of the movement for a sustainable economy.” - Ed Begley Jr.

“After I left high school and got my GED, I studied broadcast journalism for a year at a community college.” - Chris Rock

“Community colleges are the great American invention in terms of education.” - Eduardo J. Padron

“Because of the flexibility that community colleges afford, many students do not have to choose between an education and fulfilling other responsibilities - they can do both...One of the things that make community colleges so special is that they do not pick and choose their students - they work with all students.” - Jill Biden

“I wanted to race cars. I didn't like school, and all I wanted to do was work on cars. But right before I graduated, I got into a really bad car accident, and I spent that summer in the hospital thinking about where I was heading. I decided to take education more seriously and go to community college -
George Lucas

VIEWPOINT
DONNA THOMAS
Adviser

Here's why the
BEST start at ICC!

You've heard of Walt Disney, Tom Hanks, Guy Fieri, Aaron Rodgers, Morgan Freeman and Eddie Murphy.

They are athletes, actors, famous chefs, and they are all famous. They have different backgrounds and separate pathways to success. But they all have one thing in common...they and thousands more attended and/or graduated from community colleges such as Itawamba Community College across the nation in the last 100 plus years.

ICC also has its share of “celebrities” who are listed among its alumni as well.

Some of them include professional football players Kemon Hall, Duce Staley, Tim Bowens, Norman Hand, Purnell McPhee, Darius Slay, Jason Ferguson, Ernest Dye, Kareem Moore, Joe Horn; baseball players Desmond Jennings, Tim Lillard, and Jonathan Van Every; writers Peggy Webb and Merle Temple; former BASS Angler of the Year Timmy Horton; chef and Big Green Egg influencer Linkie Marais; rapper Rae Sremmurd; and Auburn head baseball coach Butch Thompson, just to name a few.

Just ask around. Many of your friends and neighbors also attended community colleges. They might not be as famous as those individuals, but most likely they're successful in their careers, which is a positive reflection on the excellent educational foundation that they received.

Take me, for instance. I'm not famous, but I'm a community college graduate; and there are thousands upon thousands just like me.

Community colleges provide quality affordable education and the best start in life.

Among the additional advantages are smaller classes, program variety, flexible scheduling including a three-day weekend option, extensive support services and the latest technologies.

ICC, for example, offers sophisticated training in career education programs as well as provides a foundation in academic areas to enable graduates to transfer and excel at the university level.

I've been at ICC for many years, and I have witnessed the evolution of career education programs from “manual labor” jobs to high-paying careers in manufacturing and the business sector and the focus on university transfer programs that will prepare our graduates to achieve at four-year institutions.

Today, flexible scheduling at ICC includes not only the traditional term entry points but also multiple opportunities to complete coursework during eLearning shorter terms of four and eight weeks.

ICC's tradition of academic and athletic excellence combined with its friendly, caring atmosphere make it the best buy in higher education today. Our tuition is one of the lowest, and our scholarship program is one of the best in the state. More than 80 percent of ICC's students receive some type of scholarship or financial aid.

ICC's qualified, caring instructors and personal attention provide the two major ingredients for a quality education and college success.

When students enroll at ICC, they quickly become a part of our family, and it continues with a connection as alumni when they graduate.

Students at ICC have the latest technology, the most advanced classrooms to enhance their learning experience and the most modern buildings, athletic facilities and residence halls in beautifully landscaped environments at Tupelo, Fulton and Belden. There's a wide variety of opportunities for student engagement, including activities, clubs, organizations and intramural sports.

Like community colleges throughout the nation, ICC is unique, and we could possibly be a bit biased, but we think it's the BEST anywhere.

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Students participate in a special welding class made possible through a grant from Metallica's All Within My Hands foundation.

ICC receives second year grant from Metallica's All Within My Hands foundation

Staff Reports

All Within My Hands, the nonprofit, philanthropic organization created by the members and management of Metallica, announced recently the largest expansion of its Metallica Scholars Initiative and its largest grant to date. With the launch of year six, 18 new colleges join the roster of existing MSI community colleges. The Metallica Scholars Initiative now has a presence in 60 colleges across all 50 United states and the territory of Guam. Itawamba Community College, which is in year two, and Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College represent Mississippi.

ICC's \$50,000 grant will focus on recruiting underserved populations to enable individuals to attain job skills and opportunities to equip them for employment to better position them for success and a better future.

"It is a tremendous honor for Itawamba Community College to be selected as one of the continuing recipients of the prestigious All Within My Hands grant, which will significantly impact our career education programs and the lives of those who will receive scholarships to pursue a pathway and their best start," said ICC President Dr. Jay Allen. "It is another indication of the success of the College and reinforcement of the mission that students and their success are our top priority."

"When we launched the Metallica Scholars Initiative, it really spoke to me," said James 'Papa Het' Hetfield, Metallica's lead vocalist and guitarist. "A collective goal of breaking the stigma of trade skills. Trade skills are vital to society, and what's even more important is to support the many folks who are trying to create a career by

learning and using these skills. I am so proud - we all are - to see how this program is changing lives by providing much-needed resources to empower students, and it's great that we're able to support these students and the future workforce. We are reaching even further for year six of the Metallica Scholars Initiative. This year, our program will be in 60 schools in all 50 states! All thanks to your support."

Launched in 2019 by All Within My Hands in partnership with the American Association of Community Colleges, MSI began with 10 colleges and primarily manufacturing programs. With steady development by creative and dedicated leadership, MSI offers diverse workforce opportunities for students interested in gaining the skills and training necessary to find meaningful and well-paying careers. Additional curricula will include construction, healthcare and engineering, contributing to more than 25 fields of study offered within the initiative. To date, AWMH has invested more than \$10.5 million in the American workforce, reaffirming a commitment to career and technical education at the local level.

"I am happy to congratulate the newest Metallica Scholarship Initiative colleges. The sustained investment in workforce education by the All Within My Hands Foundation has benefitted thousands of community college students," said Walter G. Bumphus, president and CEO of AACC. "This work helps to advance skills education and the nation's workforce pipeline. We are honored to continue this partnership to provide critical resources that eliminate barriers for students to participate in skills education programs that lead to

family-sustaining wage careers."

By the end of year six, it is estimated that AWMH has helped more than 8,000 students with a wide range of backgrounds and ages gain skills to assist in finding meaningful jobs and careers. Metallica Scholars are often considered nontraditional students, or adult learners, as many have families they support or are the first in their families to pursue a college education. AMWH and AACC aim to connect students to skill-building opportunities and bridge the talent needs of the American workforce, all while utilizing the community college system, which is the most affordable, flexible and industry-relevant applied learning training provider in the country.

"Metallica, through their foundation, is changing how people view and engage with the trades in this country, and it is working," stated Peter Delgrosso, Executive Director of All Within My Hands. "Metallica Scholars are diverse, motivated and ambitious, and we are here to help them reach their goals. I am so proud and honored to be able to announce entrance into all 50 states as this is a significant milestone for not only our foundation but the incredible community we have helped foster and connect. We would like to thank our long-time sponsors and partners - Carhartt and Wolverine - our advisory board members and to the Metallica Family who have supported AWMH and helped to continue growing this initiative."

A complete list of all 60 colleges currently supported by AWMH is available at allwithinmyhands.org/metallica-scholars.



ICC formally reopens Sheffield, Monroe Halls with ribbon cutting ceremonies

Staff Reports

Itawamba Community College formally reopened both Monroe and Sheffield Halls during two ribbon-cutting ceremonies at the Fulton Campus Tuesday.

In two weeks, residents will move into Monroe's now single-occupancy rooms and benefit from the first of a two-phase renovation of Sheffield Hall.

"This morning, we are standing in front of one of our oldest residential facilities, Monroe Hall," said ICC President Dr. Jay Allen. "This building, which consisted of our smallest rooms, housed two students per room. With the complete renovation of this hall, we are now able to offer single occupancy rooms with a shared bathroom for every two rooms. Each floor is customizable to house separated males and females under the same roof, just like Magnolia Hall."

The \$2.2 million renovation of

Monroe Hall, which first opened in 1968, was designed with students' needs and aspirations in mind," Allen said. "The upgraded facilities provide modern amenities, increased comfort and spaces that foster community collaboration. From the improved common areas and enhanced living quarters, every aspect of this residence hall has been planned to enrich our students' lives...all without having to disturb the exterior of the facility."

"As we cut this ribbon today, we are not just opening a building, we are opening a chapter for both Itawamba Community College and our students, a chapter filled with opportunities for learning, growth and connection," Allen emphasized. "It is my hope that Monroe Hall becomes a place where every resident feels at home, supported and inspired to reach their fullest potential." - See Ribbon Cutting, page six.



College
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FALL 2024

- Aug. 19** First day of class for traditional full-term day/night and traditional first eight-week classes
- Aug. 20** Last day for students to self-register for traditional full-term day/night and traditional first eight-week classes
- Aug. 21-23** Late registration available through Advising Center for traditional full-term day/night classes
- Aug. 26** First day of class for eLearning full-term and eLearning first eight-week classes
- Aug. 27** Last day to add eLearning first eight-week classes
- Aug. 30** Last day to add eLearning full-term classes
- May 1-2** Final exams for traditional second eight-week classes
- Sept. 2** Labor Day holiday for students/employees
- Oct. 2** Last day to drop classes with a 'W' through excessive absences or withdrawal from classes for eLearning first eight-week classes
- Oct. 4** Last day to drop classes with a 'W' through excessive absences or withdrawal from classes for eLearning first eight-week classes
- Oct. 7** Spring 2025 class schedule available
- Oct. 7-8** Final exams for traditional first eight-week classes
- Oct. 9** Advising begins for spring 2025 Grades due at 8 a.m. for traditional first eight-week classes
- Oct. 10-17** Final exams for eLearning first eight-week classes
- Oct. 11** Progress reports due for traditional full-term day/night and eLearning full-term classes
- Oct. 14-15** Fall break for students/employees
- Oct. 16** First day of class for traditional second eight-week classes
- Oct. 17** Last day to add traditional second eight-week classes
- Oct. 19** Grades due at noon for eLearning first eight-week
- Oct. 21** First day of class for eLearning second eight-week classes
- Oct. 22** Last day to add eLearning second eight-week classes
- Nov. 4** Registration begins at 2 p.m. for currently-enrolled Honors College and 3 p.m. for Allied Health students
- Nov. 5** Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. for currently-enrolled sophomores who have completed 24 or more hours



Mississippi Speaker of the House of Representatives Jason White shares life experiences with ICC graduates who participated in the 10 a.m. ceremony, May 10. - Photo credit C.J. Adams

Mississippi Speaker of the House of Representatives Jason White challenges ICC graduates

Staff Reports

Mississippi Speaker of the House of Representatives Jason White challenged Itawamba Community College graduates, May 10, during the 10 a.m. commencement ceremony at the Davis Event Center at the Fulton Campus to live by the words he shared with his colleagues as they began the new term in January.

"To whom much is given, much is expected," White said. "I would tell you graduates the same message applies as you enter this new chapter of your lives. Hurdles and challenges certainly await you; don't get bogged down by the small things, focus on the big picture and make an impact. Don't be trepidatious to do something out of the ordinary, challenge conventional wisdom, and even push yourself to a zone of discomfort."

White said that when he was in law school at Mississippi College, a half mile or two blocks away from the Mississippi State Capitol which he passed every day for three years, he never once dreamed that he would be elected as a Representative nor being involved in politics. "Be open to where life takes you," he advised. "Surround yourself with people who will give you a positive push, and don't shy away from an opportunity that requires a little bravery and a little courage."

Among those individuals, White emphasized, are the families and friends of the graduates. He encouraged members of ICC's class of 2024 to connect with their "firm foundation or firm place to stand" before sundown today to

express their gratitude.

"Congratulations on making the greatest investment in yourself," White opened his remarks. "You put in the study hours, you prepared for the exams, you planned for your future; this is no small feat. When you make this investment in yourself, and you put what you learned back into Mississippi, you are also making an investment in our state - so I want to thank you for your contribution. The careers for which you have prepared, or the next step in your education journey you plan to take, lend to a better and brighter Mississippi. As I look out across the room, I couldn't be more encouraged for Mississippi's workforce."

"Lastly, I offer a few words of encouragement surrounding your sense of place or home, this thing we call 'Mississippi' and her 'potential,' which is really interwoven with your potential." White said that real progress is possible only through a process of self-evaluation and self-analysis."

"Graduates, today, you set your own sail and that will determine your course. You have filled your cup with knowledge, prospect, intention, and I am invigorated to see how you pour that into your communities and our great state of Mississippi."

White expressed appreciation to his colleagues in the Mississippi House of Representatives, namely Rep. Donnie Bell, ICC alumnus and chairman of the Workforce Development committee; Rep. Randy Boyd and Sen. Daniel Sparks, who were present at the

ceremony.

In his remarks during all three ceremonies, ICC President Dr. Jay Allen emphasized the integral role that ICC has played, not only in the lives of the graduates, but also in the communities it serves. "Community colleges such as ICC, are on the front line of helping people realize their potential: academically, personally and professionally. And, when we succeed and do our best in connecting with students, we help them to recognize and embrace the potential within themselves."

White was elected as Mississippi's sixty-second Speaker of the House in January. The Kosciusko native began his service in the Mississippi House of Representatives, District 48, which consists of portions of Attala, Carroll, Holmes and Leake counties, in August 2011 and was reelected in 2016. During his time in the Legislature, he has been involved in several pieces of key legislation, including the Mississippi Infrastructure and Modernization Act and the Mississippi Tax Freedom Act, the largest tax cut in state history while also seeing the implementation of historic accountability measures and investments in both Education and Workforce Development. He is a past recipient of numerous Legislative awards, including Law Enforcement Legislator of the Year, Mississippi RISE Award and a Mississippi Top 50 Most Influential.

Approximately 900 graduates crossed the stage to receive diplomas during the three ceremonies.

ICC Trustees receive service awards

Members of Itawamba Community College's Board of Trustees who were honored with service awards at the Mississippi Association of Community Colleges annual trustees conference, June 26-28, in Biloxi include seated, from left, Dr. Jerome Smith of Okolona (second vice chairman), 25 years; Marilyn Sumerford of Smithville (immediate past chairman), 35 years; back, from left, Danny Gladney of Aberdeen, 10 years; and Steve Coleman of Pontotoc (chairman), 5 years. - Photo furnished.





Meeting Room

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**For more information
on ICC clubs
and organizations,
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ICC schedules Sept. pathways classes

Staff Reports

Itawamba Community College has scheduled several pathways classes to begin Sept. 10 at the Belden Center (3200 Adams Farm Rd.).

They include Electrician Assistant, Sept. 10-Oct. 10, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6-9 p.m.; Small Engine Repair, Sept. 10-Nov. 7, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6-9 p.m.; and Introduction to Welding and Cutting, Sept. 10-Oct. 10, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6-9 p.m.

Electrician Assistant provides the foundational knowledge of basic math and basic safety rules; the use of hand, measuring and power tools; basic electricity and residential wiring. Students can also prepare for entry-level jobs in industry or private businesses.

Small Engine Repair Technician enables students to prepare for a career as they develop small engine repair skills, and upon completion, they will be equipped for an entry-level technician position at an existing small engine repair business or to open their own related business.

Introduction to Welding and Cutting is designed to give students entry-level skills and to prepare them to do basic GMAW and SMAW welding, jobs that some industries and small businesses require. The class can also be useful to the small farmer or business owner who has many do-it-yourself projects.

For more information about all classes or to register, call (662) 407-1537 or email pathways@iccms.edu.



Members of ICC's STEM team, the only one from Mississippi, prepare for competition in the final round of the Community College Innovation Challenge in Washington, DC in mid-June. Heather McCormick, ICC mathematics division chair, served as team mentor.

ICC STEM team only one from state to compete in DC

Staff Reports

Itawamba Community College is among the 12 teams and the only one from Mississippi that participated in the final round of the Community College Innovation Challenge in June in Washington, DC.

"ICC's project was ViruShield: Next-Generation Care for HIV Patients. ViruShield is a subcutaneous pump that tests for HIV viral loads and administers doses of medication to an HIV-positive patient to help with the prevention of AIDS and to increase treatment compliance within this minority community," according to Heather McCormick of Fulton, ICC mathematics division chair and team mentor. "Normally a multitude of drug combinations are used along with a treatment schedule of daily pills and then monthly injections to keep HIV at an undetectable level."

The team included Cortney McCord, Shaan Nagra, both of Saltillo; Jillian Babb and Matthew Butler, both of Tupelo.

"I'm so proud of these students, their innovation and their hard work," McCormick said. "Despite the busyness of the semester, they worked together to find a possible solution to problems in STEM and developed an idea that has the potential to help millions with HIV around the world. At Boot Camp, they had the opportunity to learn how to turn their idea into reality as they visited with stakeholders from across the nation. This was an experience that they will not soon forget and one that will deepen their education."

Now in its eighth year, the competition seeks to strengthen entrepreneurial thinking among community college students by challenging them to develop STEM-based solutions to real-world problems. It also enables students to discover and demonstrate their capacity to use STEM to make a difference in the world and translate that knowledge into action.

Teams consisted of two-to-four students and a faculty or adminis-

trator team mentor. Finalists attended an Innovation Boot Camp in June and interacted with entrepreneurs and experts in business planning, stakeholder engagement, strategic communication and marketplace dynamics. The Boot Camp culminated in a Student Innovation Poster Session on Capitol Hill with STEM leaders and congressional stakeholders and a pitch presentation to determine the first, second and third place winning teams.

"Congratulations to the 2024 CCIC finalists," said Walter G. Bumphus, president and CEO of AACC. "Once again, I am inspired by the incredible level of talent and creativity our community college students showcase through the CCIC. Along with our partners at the National Science Foundation, we know this program is a foundation for future scientists, entrepreneurs and engineers and are very proud to shine the spotlight on these talented future leaders."



Orientation leader Alea Hudson conducts a tour for incoming freshmen during a July session.

Not too late to register for fall

Staff Reports

Registration is continuing for the 2024 fall semester at ICC.

Entering freshmen, transfer, returning or students who are being readmitted can register at the Advising Centers at either the Fulton or Tupelo campus from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday, through Aug. 13. Locations are the David C. Cole Student Services Building on the Fulton Campus and the Academic and Student Center on the Tupelo Campus.

In addition, open registration opportunities are set for Aug. 14, 15 and 16 at the same locations. Traditional classes begin Aug. 19.

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Testing (Career)	Career Center
Transcripts	Admissions
Tuition, Fees, Deferrals	Business office
Use of Campus Property	V.P. of Student Services
Veterans Affairs	Financial Aid

TUPELO CAMPUS

Admissions/Records	Student Affairs
Advanced Placement Credit	VP, Instructional Services
Books and Supplies	Bookstore
Career Planning	Adviser/Career Center
Car Registration/Decals	Campus Police
Counseling	Student Affairs
Evaluation of Credits	Admissions
I.D. Cards	Student Affairs
Job Placement	Career Center
Library	Library
Log-Ins/PINs	TIS Help Desk
Parking	Campus Police
Registration/Early-Reg.	Student Affairs
Schedule Planning	Student Affairs
Scholarships	Financial Aid
Student Activities	Student Affairs
Student Aid	Financial Aid
Student Government	Coor. of Student Activities
Transcripts	Student Affairs
Tuition and Fees	Business office
Veterans Affairs	Financial Aid

BELDEN CENTER

Adult Ed./High School Equivalency	Audra Perry
Career Education	Dylan Baldwin
Continuing Education	Josh Gammill
WIOA	Brad Gates
Workforce	Barry Emison

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Recent graduates of Itawamba Community College’s Diagnostic Medical Sonography program include, from left, Mamie Hollenhead, Madisson Dill, Misty Taylor, Holly Tillman, Maddie Huppert and Lenzi Lewis.

Special Ceremony
**Diagnostic Medical Sonography
graduates receive degrees**

Several area residents from Itawamba Community College’s Diagnostic Medical Sonography program received their degrees at a special event, July 23, at the Health Science Education Center at the Tupelo Campus.

They include Holly Tillman of **Ackerman**; Madison Huppert of

Amory; Madisson Dill of **Corinth**; Mamie Hollenhead of **Louisville**; Lenzi Lewis of **Okolona**; and Misty Taylor of **Pontotoc**.

Diagnostic Medical Sonography is a one-year (three-semester) program. Graduates earn an Asso-

ciate of Applied Science degree and are eligible to take the American Registry of Diagnostic Medical Sonograph examinations. Amanda Stone of **Saltillo** is the program director, and Daphne Jackson of **Shannon**, clinical co-ordinator.



ICC Practical Nursing graduates participate in a July 18 ceremony at the W.O. Benjamin Fine Arts Center auditorium at the Fulton Campus.

**Practical Nursing graduates
participate in July ceremony**

Staff Reports

Members of the Practical Nursing class participated in a commencement ceremony, July 18, at noon at the W.O. Benjamin Fine Arts Center auditorium at the Fulton Campus.

They include Jamaiya Fears of **Aberdeen**; Christina Hernandez, Shana Whitten, both of **Blue Mountain**; Melissa Clifton of **Booneville**; Bonner Mendoza, Autumn Webb, both of **Fulton**; Terika Naugle of **Houlka**; Brittany Hayes, Laura Starling, Heather Vanstory, all of **Man-tachie**; Sandy Jones, Laken Robertson, both of **Myrtle**; Jonathan Morales of **Nettleton**; Skylar DeLoach, Taylor Mims, both of **Pontotoc**; Lily Brewer of

Ripley; Marquita Brinkley, Jasmina Heard, both of **Shannon**; Amber Jones, Alliyah Porter, both of **Tupelo**; Jada Jackson of **Vernon, Ala.**; Brittany Bowens, Lakeisha Edwards, De’Aisha Strong and De’Oshia Strong, all of **West Point**.

Practical Nursing is a one-year (three-semester) program. Upon completion, graduates receive a Certificate of Completion and are eligible to take the N-CLEX (national board examination) to become a Licensed Practical Nurse.

Dr. Lisa Pearson of Amory is the program director. Instructors include Tammy Jones of Pontotoc; Lisa McNeese of Smithville and Patricia Robbins of Mantachie.



**Ribbon Cuttings
from page three**

At 10 a.m., the second ribbon cutting commemorated the completion of the first of a two-phase renovation of Sheffield Hall, which opened in 1991. With 296 beds, the female residence hall is the largest of ICC’s residential facilities. The event showcased half of the facility with remodeled rooms, a

completely updated lobby and common space.

For many years, Allen said, the facility housed two-to-five females per room. “We made a change a few years ago to allow all rooms to house a maximum total of three females.” The cost for phases one and two, which will be

completed next summer, totals \$1.275 million in local funds.

“Thank you, once again, to everyone who played a significant role in making this renovation a reality,” Allen said. “And to our students, welcome to your new home. We look forward to seeing the incredible things you will

achieve here.”

Allen expressed appreciation to PryorMorrow Architects (both projects); M&N Construction (Monroe Hall) and Hooker Construction, LLC (Sheffield Hall) for their work and collaboration.

MHP C.O.R.E. cadets win inaugural C.O.R.E. games

Staff Reports

Itawamba Community College's Candidates on Rapid Entry cadets recently participated in the inaugural C.O.R.E. games at East Central Community College and won the championship.

ICC's team defeated both East Central Community College and Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College in the event that featured physical fitness, drill and ceremony and a thorough inspection of assigned barracks and uniform. Each candidate also competed in an obstacle course designed to highlight the physical and mental aspects a law enforcement officer may face during the course of their duty, according to MSGT Heath Mullins, C.O.R.E. program supervisor.

ICC's team members include Jakari Cooper of **Carthage**, Brennan Westmoreland of **Ecrú**; Grant McArthur of **Jonesboro, Ark.**;

Kaylee Hankins of **Nettleton**; Jayke Logan of **Pittsboro**; Matthew Armstrong of **Saltillo**; and Matthew McCarley of **Athens, Ala.**

From August 2023-May 2024, C.O.R.E. candidates from the three participating colleges received hands-on training directly from Mississippi Highway Patrol Troopers to help prepare them for the rigorous training of the MHP School, Mullins said. Candidates were required to attend physical training along with academic classes throughout each semester and were tested on physical fitness and academic knowledge periodically.

ICC's MHP C.O.R.E. program is targeted toward students who are focusing on a degree in criminal justice with the goal of providing a direct avenue of employment with MHP. The 15-week curriculum focuses on exposing students to many aspects and responsibilities of the MHP.



Members of ICC's MHP C.O.R.E. program that won the inaugural C.O.R.E. games at East Central Community College include, from left, Kaylee Hankins, Brennan Westmoreland, Jayke Logan, Jakari Cooper, Matthew Armstrong, Grant McArthur and Matthew McCarley.



Tek2Go

Itawamba Community College partnered with the Community Development Foundation in the annual Tek2Go sessions this summer. During one week, teachers (shown above) learned about career education programs such as welding, and at another, students had the opportunity to make items such as a clock.

ICC Business/Marketing ranks sixth in nation

Staff Reports

Forbes Advisor has ranked Itawamba Community College's Business and Marketing Management Technology program sixth in the nation, the only community college in Mississippi to be recognized.

Forbes Advisor's ranking methodologies use data from the National Center for Education Statistics, education providers and reputable educational and professional organizations to produce its unbiased rankings. An advisory board of educators and other subject matter experts reviews and verifies its content to provide trustworthy, up-to-date information.

"We are honored to be recognized by Forbes Advisor as we strive each semester to teach our students the most relevant skills they'll need to be successful in the workforce," said Jodi McCrimon, ICC's Business and Marketing Management Technology program director. As one of the top 10 best online community college programs in the nation, we enthusiastically offer this degree to

meet the needs of student and adult learners in our community. The best start here!"

ICC President Dr. Jay Allen joined McCrimon in appreciation for the honor. "While we strive to



Jodi McCrimon

always provide the best educational product and experience, it's always exciting for others to recognize the value! This recognition is an example of how we at ICC are creating pathways to meet individuals where they are and to help them get to where they want to go."

Forbes Advisor selected ICC's program based on, among other

factors, "the delivery of an online associate degree in business and marketing management that full-time students can complete within two years, or four semesters. The program's 61-credit curriculum does not include any in-person requirements."

Forbes Advisor said that "the degree delves into advertising, entrepreneurship, human resources management and retail management. ICC delivers online coursework asynchronously through the Canvas platform."

Through a combination of online classes, project and practical application, ICC's Business and Marketing Management Technology students receive the training they need to successfully enter the sales and marketing workforce. Upon completion of the two-year program, the student receives an Associate of Applied Science degree in Business and Marketing Management Technology. After graduation, students have the option to transfer their associate's degree and continue working toward their bachelor's degree online.

ICC announces 2024 fall semester continuing education schedule

Staff Reports

Itawamba Community College has announced its schedule of continuing education classes for the 2024 fall semester.

The schedule, according to ICC Continuing Education director Josh Gammill, includes opportunities in several categories: hobbies and personal enjoyment, personal enrichment, professional continuing education, career pathways and senior college.

Gammill said that the class schedule includes both new opportunities as well as those that have been offered before. "We have integrated new classes such as an introduction to single board microcomputers that join old favorites in the areas of art, cake decorating, ACT prep, sign language

and personal finance. Professional continuing education is available for EMS refreshers and engineers and surveyors as well as an extensive schedule of career pathways, or short-term courses, to prepare students for the next step. Our senior college which began during the spring semester continues to offer an opportunity to enable retirees to stay active in the community and engage with other participants who share the same enthusiasm and zest for life and learning as they do."

The schedule is available on ICC's website or can be accessed by <https://www.iccms.edu/ce>. It is updated at the end of each month with the addition of new classes and/or dates, Gammill said.



Participants in a summer camp learn how to change a tire and other "survival skills."

The BEST start here!!

ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

AUGUST 18

Movie Night
Student Activities Center
Fulton Campus - 7 p.m.

AUGUST 19

Find your classes with donuts
Crane Pavilion, Fulton Campus
Academic and Student Center,
Tupelo Campus
Training Entrance Lobby,
Belden Center
7:30-9 a.m.

Welcome to Wesley Social
Outside Academic and Student
Center, Tupelo Campus
Noon

Welcome Home Cookout
Outside Training Entrance
Lobby
Belden Center
11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

FunkyTown Throwdown
President's Lawn, Fulton
7-9 p.m.

AUGUST 20

Find your classes with donuts
Crane Pavilion, Fulton Campus
Academic and Student Center,
Tupelo Campus
Training Entrance Lobby,
Belden Center
7:30-9 a.m.

Sno-Cone Social
noon
Outside Academic and Student
Center - Tupelo Campus
noon
First 150 students receive a free
Sno-Cone

Burgers and Blues Cookout
Wesley Foundation - Fulton
5-7 p.m.

BSU Water Party
Fulton Campus
Band Practice Field
7:07 p.m.

AUGUST 21

Welcome Home Cookout
Outside Academic and Student
Center - Tupelo Campus
noon-1 p.m.
first 100 students get a free
Freshman Run t-shirt

AUGUST 22

Sno-Cone Social
1 p.m.
Crane Pavilion - Fulton Campus
First 200 students receive a free
sno-cone.

For more information
www.iccms.edu
Activities Calendar

THE BEST OF THE BEST



ICC President Dr. Jay Allen and Mande Miller



Hayden Stegall



Lindsey Patterson



Radiologic Technology program director Paul Crum and Sydney Wiggins



Whitt Willis



John Wayne Harris



Chris Stevenson



Jordan Allen



Holly Gray, Dr. Jay Allen, Josh Gammill

From top, left to right...Dr. Jay Allen congratulates Mande Miller, graduate of the Mississippi Community College Fellows Program; Hayden Stegall of Pontotoc is the newest member of ICC's Board of Trustees; Lindsey Patterson was selected as a 2024 Moody Institute Fellow; Sydney Wiggins is the recipient of the 2024 Mississippi Radiologic Society's scholar's award; Whitt Willis has been accepted into the Mississippi Rural Physicians Scholarship program; John Wayne Harris and Chris Stevenson have been selected as participants in the Mississippi Community College Leadership Academy; Jordan Allen has been chosen as a candidate for the Promoting Recruitment Opportunities in Medicine with Individual Study Experience (PROMISE); Dr. Allen poses with Holly Gray and Josh Gammill, recent graduates of the MCC Leadership Academy.

ICC's students, faculty
receive honors



FYI

MAKE A NOTE OF IT

JUST A REMINDER...

Review lockdown procedures

ICC's faculty, staff and students are urged to review campus lockdown procedures.

"The procedures are meant to be very simple because at the point of a lockdown, the major concern is the safety of all of the individuals in the campus community," said Dr. Brad Boggs, vice president of student services.

Notifications will be communicated via ICC ALERT, email and the Emergency Information Web page.

Upon notification of campus lockdown, everyone must react immediately.

The procedures include

- 1) Lock all doors and windows.
- 2) Close all blinds.
- 3) Turn off lights.
- 4) Use room furnishings to barricade doors and as protection.
- 5) Everyone should sit on the floor, away from doors and windows.
- 6) Make no noise.
- 7) Remain in lockdown until it is cleared with a notice via ICC ALERT or the police/administrator gives te ALL CLEAR code.

In addition, these are procedures in the event of severe weather conditions or evacuation.

Individuals should check ICC's website, www.iccms.edu, for information. It's located under Campus Safety on the home page.

Sign up for ICC ALERT

ICC provides a mass notification system called ICC ALERT.

Students, faculty and staff are encouraged to participate in the free service.

ICC ALERT has been utilized for inclement weather situations when classes and offices were closed due to snow and icing conditions and when storms threatened

the area.

To sign up to receive emergency messages through ICC ALERT: 1) Log on to the myTribe portal using your name and password; 2) Click ICC ALERT system in the link section on the bottom right; 3) Log in with your same username and password as myTribe to add/update your information.

For assistance with technical issues, contact the TIS Help Desk at (662) 862-8295 or via email at helpdesk@iccms.edu.

Litter-free

Everyone is reminded to use trash receptacles for litter. It's up to all of us to show our pride by ensuring that all three locations are litter-free.

No noise

Unnecessary noise is banned at Itawamba Community College, including loud music, yelling and screaming.

Students who are found guilty of noise violations will be fined, and the fine will double with each successive violation.

Campus Police

ICC-Belden...662.687.2752

ICC-Fulton...662.687.2750

ICC-Tupelo...662.687.2751

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procedures...
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Members of Itawamba Community College's Indian Delegation for 2024-25 participate in its retreat at the Fulton Campus.

ICC selects Indian Delegation for 2024-25

Staff Reports

Itawamba Community College has selected members of its Indian Delegation for 2024-25.

They include **Fulton Campus** - Karry Linley of **Aberdeen**; Maggie Caldwell of **Algoma**; Callie Beasley, Claire Price, Emma Carolyne Wright, all of **Amory**; Knox Waterer of **Belden**; Carson Spratlin of **Bruce**; Summer Bates of **Columbus**; Braxton Lovvorn, Mallie Milam, Lauren South, all of **Fulton**; Alivia Harris, Anna Beth Gray, both of **Golden**; Grace Padgett of **Guntown**; Shelby Sullivan of **Hamilton**; Mazzie Cooper of **Mantachie**; Jack Brown of **Mathiston**; Lauren Lee of **Olive Branch**; Caroline Riley of

Plantersville; Ella Huey, Abi Grace Warren, Landon Long, Grace Randle, all of **Pontotoc**; Jana McFarling of **Saltillo**; Lilly Alexander, Eva Beachum, Anna Kate Crenshaw, Will Hathcote, all of **Smithville**; Jasmier Coleman, Brantley Martin, both of **Tupelo**; Braiden Holcombe of **Vina, Ala.**; and **Tupelo Campus** - Ty Franklin of **Blue Springs**; Anna Lauren Glasson, Brooklyn Wicker, both of **New Albany**; Susana Worsham of **Saltillo** and Emily Rushing of **Tupelo**.

The Indian Delegation is a student recruiting team organized to serve as ambassadors for Itawamba Community College. Members are involved in activities

directly related to recruiting and public relations, including conducting college tours, visiting area high schools to recruit potential students, participating in community outreach projects, attending college days/nights at area high schools and assisting with special meetings and events at all three locations to recruit prospective students.

The sponsor is Michael Holloway, director of Recruitment and Orientation; and cosponsors, Ethan Foster and Tyrani Key, Tupelo Campus; and Madison Robinson, Chloe Hester and Kyle Spencer, Fulton Campus, all recruiters.

ICC nursing faculty, students bring home prestigious awards at MOSA conference

Staff Reports

Itawamba Community College's faculty and students won prestigious awards at the Mississippi Organization for Associate Degree Nursing conference.

ICC's students won the College Bowl, which consisted of correct responses to NCLEX-RN questions, over opponent teams from nine other community colleges. Members include Tiree Jones of Aberdeen, Alexis Derrick of Ecu, Kaci Wood of Mantachie

and Alexis Koonce of Saltillo.

Of the three faculty awards presented this year, ICC brought home two. Anna Lewis of Mantachie won the Professional Development Award, which was established by the MOADN Board of Directors to support the professional development efforts of associate degree nurse educators.

Lauren Murphree of Bruce won the Innovative Faculty Award for the Escape Room that

she developed for the Fundamentals content as an active learning strategy.

Criteria for both awards include employment by an accredited ADN program in Mississippi, membership in MOADN either as an individual or program member and willingness to present the professional development activity at the next convention.

Lewis will be reimbursed for up to \$1,000 for certification as a cer-

tified nurse educator, and Murphree received a plaque and \$250 from MOADN.

As winners of the faculty awards, Lewis and Murphree will both present at the 2025 MOADN conference.

"The state event is very important for ICC because it promotes Associate Degree Nursing," said Dr. Dana Walker, then-program director.

"Congratulations to all of our winners! They are most deserving."



ICC launches Lil Indians Club

ICC has an exciting opportunity for kids ages 3-12 to join its recently launched Lil Indians Club.

The annual \$30 membership dues include free admission to regular season home athletic events, Lil Indians gift box, membership card and special events exclusively for those who join.

"We at ICC can't wait to see our Lil Indians at all athletic events," said Dr. Chad Case, ICC Athletic Director.

For more information, email jemarquez@iccms.edu or call (662) 862-8122.

ICC...The BEST!





ICC hosts June 13 private screening **Mississippi Scholar**



Itawamba Community College is an open admission, comprehensive, publicly supported two-year institution primarily serving Chickasaw, Itawamba, Lee, Monroe and Pontotoc counties, while also being responsive to the instructional and economic development needs of the region.

Itawamba Community College fulfills its mission through 1) College-parallel, technical and career programs to prepare students to transfer or enter the workforce; 2) Continuing education and workforce pathways for individuals striving for professional growth or personal enrichment; 3) Strategic partnerships to provide student opportunities, meet business and industry needs and promote economic development; 4) Adult education programs committed to increasing the literacy level of the adult population, providing self-improvement opportunities, workforce readiness and/or high school equivalency; 5) Resources, including financial, physical and technological to advance educational purpose as well as traditional and online instructional services, student support services and business management; 6) Recruitment and employment of qualified personnel as well as provide ongoing opportunities for leadership growth and success in educational, career and personal goals.

Candidates for admission to academic and career education programs may be admitted by diploma - students are required to present an official transcript from a high school accredited by the appropriate state or regional accreditation association; by completing the appropriate number of Carnegie units; by successfully completing an acceptable high school equivalency test - students are required to have an official copy of the high school equivalency transcript mailed to the Director of Admissions; by advanced standing (college transfer students). Students graduating without a regular diploma (Occupational Diploma or Special Education Diploma) must successfully complete an acceptable high school equivalency test or qualify under a Mississippi Ability to Benefit State Process in order to be eligible for admission to Itawamba Community College. Some career education programs may have selective criteria for admission.

Itawamba Community College is an equal opportunity institution. The College strictly prohibits discrimination in its educational programs and activities, employment practices and admissions processes on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, religion, ethnicity, pregnancy, sexual orientation, gender identity, genetic information, status as a U.S. veteran or other status protected by applicable law. For more information, contact the Vice President of Student Services, 602 West Hill Street, Fulton, MS 38843, 662.862.8271 or email TitleIXCoordinator@iccms.edu.

In compliance with Title IV of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; Title IX, Education Amendments of 1972; and Section 504, Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Itawamba Community College makes available its curricular and extracurricular programs and its facilities to every qualified person regardless of race, sex, color, creed, national origin or disability.

Itawamba Community College is accredited by the Southern Association of Community Colleges to award associate degrees. Contact the Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097 or call 404.670.4500 for questions about the accreditation of Itawamba Community College.

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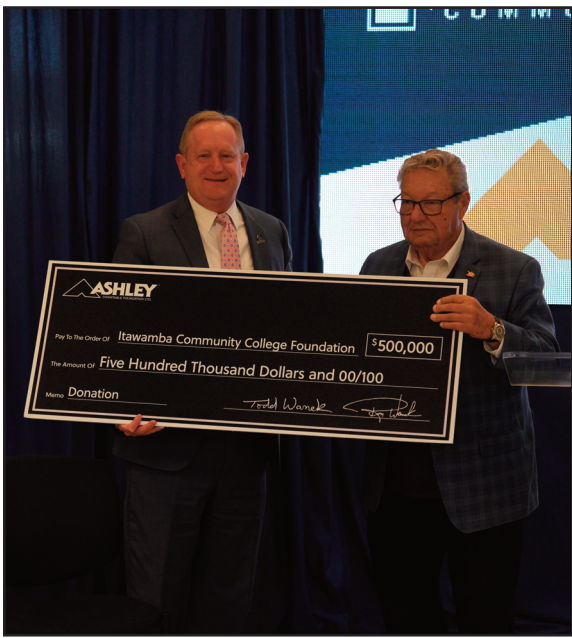




From top, ICC announces the construction of a Connection Center; ICC's Most Beautiful; Chief of Staff Tyler Camp presents a key to the college to one of ICC's first students, Virginia Jackson; Head Men's Basketball Coach Grant Pate announces his retirement; '23 Homecoming Court; Ashley's Foundation presents \$500,000 to ICC; the pickleball court opens; Mr. and Miss ICC; the College celebrates its 75th anniversary with a diamond gala; ICC's DMS program receives accreditation.



Looking Back...2023-2024 In the News





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EARN NJCAA ACADEMIC STUDENT-ATHLETE AWARDS

FIRST TEAM - 16 | SECOND TEAM - 19 | THIRD TEAM - 27



62 ICC student-athletes earn NJCAA academic honors

Staff Reports

Sixty-two Itawamba Community College student-athletes have been named to the National Junior College Athletic Association All-Academic teams for the 2023-24 academic year. To earn NJCAA All-Academic honors, students must have a grade point average of 3.60 or higher and completed 24 credit hours. There are three levels of academic honors: First Team, 4.0 GPA; Second Team, 3.80-3.99 GPA; and Third Team, 3.60-3.79 GPA. The First Team included 16 ICC student-athletes; Second Team, 19; and Third Team, 27. The NJCAA All-Academic First Team honorees by sport include: **Baseball** - Stone Collier, Reeves Crowder;

Women’s Basketball - Katie Beth Hall; **Football** - Dylan Rowsey; **Men’s Soccer** - Josh Hodgson, Frank Rodriguez, Braden Walters; **Softball** - Lauren Brown, Chloe Shelton, Avery Wolfe; **Men’s Tennis** - Ben Orr, Cade Teeple, Knox Waterer; **Women’s Tennis** - Ainsley Robinson; and **Volleyball** - Bailey Baker. The Second Team honorees are **Baseball** - Reed Stanford; **Men’s Basketball** - Dayveun Anderson; **Women’s Basketball** - Addison Howell; **Football** - Ty Davis; **Golf** - Cooper Williamson;

Men’s Soccer - Owen Anforth, Luke Dearsley, Kyle Morris; **Women’s Soccer** - Vanessa Baugatz, Melanie Huber, Addison Pletzke, Camryn Summerall, Caroline Wages; **Softball** - Alyssa Clifft; **Men’s Tennis** - Jacob Jolly; **Volleyball** - Kensley Woolbright. Third Team honorees include **Baseball** - Noah Robinson, Dixon Webb, Luke Wood; **Men’s Basketball** - Bryson Dawkins, Dathan Timms; **Women’s Basketball** - Arianna Durrell, D’Naylah Williams, Charity Yeates; **Football** - Dylan Merrell; **Golf** - Sam Parker, Everett Price; **Men’s Soccer** - Jorge Favela, Alfredo Guerra;

Women’s Soccer - Beth Lloyd, Sarah Perkins, Addy Stanford, Macie Williams; **Softball** - Joryie McKnight, Sadie Stegall; **Men’s Tennis** - Tasso Moreira; **Women’s Tennis** - Caitlyn Ard, Emma Horton, Cheyenne Hughes, Maddy Kilpatrick; and **Volleyball** - Mia Griffin, Madasen McCaig. Also, 10 of ICC’s 11 athletic programs received NJCAA Academic eam of the Year Honorable Mention honors. The programs are baseball, men’s and women’s basketball, golf, men’s and women’s soccer, softball, men’s and women’s tennis and volleyball.

MACCCC honors 104 ICC student-athletes

Staff Reports

The Mississippi Association of Community Colleges Conference has recognized 104 student-athletes from Itawamba Community College as academic honors recipients. The MACCCC awards two separate academic honors, Distinguished Academic All-MACCCC and Academic All-MACCCC. To earn Distinguished Academic All-MACCCC, a student-athlete must have a grade point average of 3.80 or higher, and for Academic All-MACCCC, 3.25-3.79. ICC honorees included 34 student-athletes selected as Distinguished Academic All-MACCCC; and 70, Academic All-MACCCC. The Distinguished Academic All-MACCCC honorees include **Baseball** - Stone Collier, Reeves Crowder, Reed Stanford; **Men’s Basketball** - Dayveun Anderson; **Football** - Ty Davis, Dylan Rowsey; **Golf** - Cooper Williamson; **Men’s Soccer** - Owen Anforth, Luke Dearsley, Josh Hodgson, Kyle Morris,

Frank Rodriguez, Braden Walters; **Women’s Soccer** - Vanessa Baugatz, Gracie Henley, Melanie Huber, Addison Pletzke, Camryn Summerall; **Softball** - Lauren Brown, Alyssa Clifft, Chloe Shelton, Avery Wolfe; **Women’s Tennis** - Kaitlyn Greenwood, Ainsley Robinson, Jimena Paloma, Lucia Rubio; **Men’s Tennis** - Ben Orr, Jacob Jolly, Cade Teeple, Knox Waterer; **Volleyball** - Bailey Baker, Kensley Woolbright. The Academic All-MACCCC honorees by sport include **Baseball** - Eli Akins, Brayden Billingsley, Jarrett Morris, Noah Robinson, Brock Ware, Dixon Webb, Ty Wicker, Aiden Williams, Luke Wood; **Men’s Basketball** - Bryson Dawkins, Demetrius Knox, Dathan Timms; **Women’s Basketball** - Jestiny Dixon, Arianna Durrell, Tenyzia Lantah, Charity Yeates, La’Monnie Owens, Leanna Silas, D’Naylah Williams; **Football** - Eric Aldridge, Zae Davis,

Nick Fortune, Carson Langford, Alex Larry, Dylan Merrell, JD Methvin, Ryan Musselwhite, EJ Stovall, EJ Wadley; **Golf** - Sam Parker, Everett Price; **Men’s Soccer** - Aiden Belk, Elijah Belk, Crosse Lindsay, William Blake, Russell Brown, Reed Conerly, Jorge Favela, Alfredo Guerra, Gage Lashlee, Osvaldo Gonzalez, Hayden Smith; **Women’s Soccer** - Julia Benneckenstein, Katelyn El-Beck, Liz McElveen, Beth Lloyd, Adelin Mathis, Juliana Motes, Sarah Perkins, Caroline Wages, Lauren Sharples, Addy Stanford, Macie Williams; **Softball** - Allie Beckley, Jorye McKnight, Sadie Stegall, Jessi Smith, Hallie Turner, Riley Turee; **Men’s Tennis** - Joan Mateu Ramis Pascual, Tasso Moneira; **Women’s Tennis** - Caitlyn Ard, Emma Horton, Cheyenne Hughes, Maddy Kilpatrick; and **Volleyball** - Mia Griffin, Audrey Hamill, Madasen McCaig, Abbi Upchurch, Anna Grace White.

Honoring

#RollTribe

Tribetalk

ELIJAH COLEMAN
Sports Editor

Itawamba Community College has a long-standing tradition of producing successful athletes who excel both on- and of-the-field. Over the last few years, ICC athletes have proven time and time again their dedication and hard work, resulting in numerous victories and accolades for the school.

The success of ICC's student-athletes can be attributed to their unwavering commitment to their sport and their team. They understand the importance of discipline, perseverance and teamwork, and it shows in their performances. Whether it be on the football field, basketball court, baseball diamond, soccer field or tennis court, ICC's student-athletes consistently strive for excellence and push themselves to be the BEST they can be.

But their success extends beyond just winning games or competitions. ICC's athletes also serve as role models for their peers and the community. They demonstrate the values of sportsmanship, integrity and dedication, and their actions both on and off the field reflect positively on Itawamba Community College and their teams.



The impact of the success of our athletes can be seen in the pride and support they gain from the school and its fans. Their victories and accomplishments bring a sense of unity and excitement to the college, rallying students, faculty and alumni behind their teams, and their support is vital to their won/loss record. ICC has become known for its strong athletic programs, thanks in large part to the commitment and talent of its student-athletes. In addition, their coaches, many of whom, have significant won-loss records at ICC play a vital role in not only the success of their teams, but also in molding them into exemplary young men and women..

In addition to their success in competition, ICC's athletes also excel in the classroom. Many of them are dedicated students who prioritize their education while also balancing the demands of their sport. They understand the importance of academic achievement and are determined to succeed in both their athletic and academic pursuits.

With their success and dedication, ICC's athletes have had a profound impact on the school and its teams. Their efforts have not only brought recognition and pride to ICC but have also helped to foster a culture of excellence and achievement. The legacy of those athletes will continue to inspire future generations of athletes at ICC and serve as a testament to the power of hard work, determination and teamwork.

We will always remember the great accomplishments of each and every one of these athletes, not only in their sport, but also in the classroom and community.

We want to say, "thank you," and "best of luck in the future...and always remember, once an Indian, always an Indian...The **BEST DO START HERE!**



ICC Men's Tennis Team MACCC Academic Team of Year

Staff Reports

ICC's men's tennis team earned MACCC Academic Team of the Year recognition for its sport, according to a recent conference announcement.

The Indians finished with a 3.75 grade point average as a team while posting 10-4 overall and 8-2 conference records, finishing runner-up in the NJCAA Region 23 Tournament and participating in the NJCAA National D1 Tennis Tournament earlier this

season.

In the national tournament, the Indians played in seven consolation bracket finals and eared 15.5 points to finish 13th in the 29-team tournament, which was the second-best finish for a Mississippi-based program.

ICC finished its historic 2024 season ranked 14th in the Intercollegiate Tennis Association Division I rankings.

ICC starts phase one of Roy Cresap Field

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Roy Cresap Field at the ICC Fulton Campus has long been one of the most scenic and iconic locations in NJCAA baseball. Now that historic venue is getting better thanks to a four-phase improvement that recently began.

THE PROJECT

Phase 1 of the project includes a new field, new dugouts and backstop. The field will be laser graded with artificial turf installed in the foul areas, surrounding home plate and the base paths from home plate to first base and third base to home plate.

PryorMorrow Architects designed Phase 1, and Stewart Environmental Construction is the contractor. Phase 1 is expected to be completed by January 2025.

Phase 2 will focus on improvements to the grandstand area. Plans currently include new stadium seating, both individual chairbacks and bench back,

canopy coverage for the grandstand area, two party decks and new press box space. The phase may also include upgrades to concessions and restrooms. No timeline has been set for the second phase of the project.

"These improvements to our baseball facilities will help us match the nationally-recognized program that Coach (Rick) Collier and his staff have built over the past two decades," said ICC Athletic Director Dr. Chad Case.

The final two phases are currently in the discussion and planning processes.

COACH RICK COLLIER

Coach Collier has enjoyed a successful run in his 22 seasons as head coach at ICC. The Indians have won eight North Division championships, three conference championships, two Region championships and finished fifth in the 2003 World Series. With 673 wins, Collier, who is the win-

ningest baseball coach in the history of the ICC baseball program, has been named Conference Coach of the Year three times while earning Region and District II Coach of the Year once.

SUPPORT APPRECIATED

"The support of our alumni, families and friends has made a substantial impact on our ability to provide the best opportunities and championship-level experiences for our students and student-athletes," said ICC President Dr. Jay Allen. "We are excited to get this project started while continuing other projects across our three locations to keep improving the future of Itawamba Community College.

For more information on contributions to the upgrades to Cresap Field and other projects at ICC, email Michael Upton, director of Advancement, at maup-ton@iccms.edu.

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COMPOSITE SCHEDULE

Aug. 10 - Men's Soccer - @Blue Mountain Christian University
Aug. 13 - Men's Soccer - @Freed-Hardeman University
Aug. 16 - Women's Soccer - Freed Hardeman University
Aug. 20 - Men's Soccer - @East Central Community College
Aug. 20 - Volleyball - @Champions Christian College
Aug. 22 - Women's Soccer - @Southwest Tennessee Community College

Aug. 23 - Men's Soccer - vs. Meridian Community College, 2 p.m.;
Aug. 23 - Volleyball - vs. Chattanooga State Community College, 2 p.m.
Aug. 23 - Volleyball - vs. Calhoun Community College, 6 p.m.
Aug. 25 - Women's Soccer - vs. Pellissippi State, 1 p.m.
Aug. 27 - Men's Soccer - vs. Meridian Community College, 2 p.m.
Aug. 27 - Volleyball - vs. Chattanooga State, 2 p.m. and Calhoun, 6 p.m.

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Members of Itawamba Community College's Community Relations team that won more than 30 awards at a recent College Public Relations Association of Mississippi conference include, front, from left, Donna Thomas, Morgan Henry, Maggie Caldwell, Raphael Henry; back, Adam Gore, C.J. Adams, Lee Adams. Nina Strother and Cal Brown. Not pictured, Margaret Todd. - Photo credit: Caroline Mason, ICC Community Relations

ICC Community Relations team wins more than 30 CPRAM awards

Staff Reports

Several Itawamba Community College staff members received a combined total of more than 30 awards from the College Public Relations Association of Mississippi, which were presented during a May conference in Bay St. Louis.

They include

C.J. Adams - third place, Photograph, for "New Semester Excitement" first, Television Spots, "2023 Super Bowl Commercial;" third, Radio Spots, "Fall Preview Day;" first, Television Program, "Skilled to Work;" second, Multi-Media Presentation, "2023 Orientation Presentation;" second, New Media, "Fireworks CRM;" first, New Media, "Inside ICC;" third, Social Media - Non Sports, "Itawamba Community College Nat'l Smarties Day;" third, Social Media - Sports, "LetsGoICC YouTube Shorts;" second, Sports Promo/Hype Video, "2024 ICC Volleyball Schedule Release;" first, Creative Partners, "I See A Leader Partnership;"

Lee Adams - second, Digital Art/Photo Illustration, "2023 ICC Softball Poster;" third, Sports Photograph, "Diving Catch;" second, Sports Photograph, "Boom;" first, Sports Photograph, "Strike;" third, Television Program, "ICC National Signing Day Show Recap 2023;" third, Social Media - Sports, "Let'sGoICC YouTube Shorts;" second, Sports Promo/Hype Video, "2024 ICC Volleyball Schedule Release;" first, Exhibits, "Arena Branding;"

Dr. Jay Allen - first, Creative Partners, "I See A Leader;"

Jordan Allen - third, New Media, "LetsGoICC On the Road Series;"

Dylan Baldwin - first, Public Relations Innovations, "Early Childhood Education Program Bilingual Curriculum Flyers;"

Dr. Brad Boggs - second, Radio Program, "ICC Football on Super Talk Tupelo;"

Cal Brown - second, Radio Program, "ICC Football on

Super Talk Tupelo;"

Maggie Caldwell - first, Television Program, "Skilled to Work;" third, Social Media - Non-Sports, "Itawamba Community College Nat'l Smarties Day;" third, Exhibits, "Valentine's Day Photo Booth;" second, Creative Partners, "Dinner & Demo;" first, Creative Partners, "I See A Leader;"

Tyler Camp - second, Multi-Media Presentation, "2023 Orientation Presentation;" first, Web Page, "gala.iccms.edu;" first, Creative Partners, "I See A Leader Partnership;"

Kyle Davis - third, Special Publications/Promotions, "Time Capsule;"

Josh Gammill - second, Creative Partners, "Dinner & Demo Series;"

Denise Gillespie - first, Public Relations Innovations, "Early Childhood Education Program Bilingual Curriculum Flyers;"

Adam Gore - third, Radio Spots, "ICC 75th Gala;" second, Radio Spots, "Fall Preview Day;" first, Radio Spots, "LetsGoICC Radio Promo;" third, Television Program, "ICC National Signing Day Show Recap 2023;" second, Radio Program, "ICC Football on Super Talk Tupelo;" first, Radio Program, "The ICC Hour;" third, New Media, "LetsGoICC On the Road Series;" third, Social Media - Sports, "LetsGoICC YouTube Shorts;"

Christy Griffith - third, Special Publications/Promotions, "Time Capsule;"

Morgan Henry - third, Special Publications/Promotions, for "Time Capsule;" first, New Media, "Inside ICC;"

Raphael Henry - first, Television News Story, "Tek2Go Camp;" third, Television Program, "ICC National Signing Day Show Recap 2023;" first, Television Program, "Skilled to Work;" second, Radio Program, "ICC Football on Super Talk Tupelo;" third, Social Media - Sports, "LetsGoICC YouTube Shorts;" second, Sports Promo/Hype Video, "2024 ICC

Volleyball Schedule Release;"

Bella Hoffman - third, New Media, "LetsGoICC On the Road Series;"

Michael Holloway - second, Multi-Media Presentation, "2023 Orientation Presentation;" second, New Media, "Fireworks CRM;"

ICC Volleyball Team - second, Radio Program, "ICC Football on Super Talk Tupelo;"

Andy Kirk - second place, Radio Program, "ICC Football on Super Talk Tupelo;"

Allie Mitchell - third, New Media, "Let's Go ICC On the Road Series;"

Anna Maldonado - third, Television Program, "National Signing Day Show Recap 2023;"

Mathaius Mallard - second, Radio Program, "ICC Football on Super Talk Tupelo;" third, Social Media - Sports, "LetsGoICC YouTube Shorts;"

Dr. Laurie McBride - third, Digital Art Photo Illustration, "Digital Art Tribute Featured in Ripcord Dinner Theatre Promotions;"

Addison Pletzke - third, New Media, "LetsGoICC On The Road Series;"

Michelle Pruitt - second, Website, www.iccms.edu/fitnesscenter;

Madison Robinson - second, Radio Spots, "Fall Preview Day;"

Natalie Ryals - recipient of the CPRAM two-year college scholarship for 2024-25;

Christy Scheuer - second, Creative Partners, "Dinner & Demo Series;"

Jordan Springer - first, Radio Spots, "LetsGoICC Radio Promo;" third, Television Program, "ICC National Signing Day Show Recap 2023;"

Nina Strother - third, Special Publications/Promotions, "Time Capsule;" third, Digital Art/Photo Illustration, "Digital Art Tribute Featured in Ripcord Dinner Theatre Promotions;" third, Radio Spots, "ICC 75th Gala;" second, Radio Spots, "Fall Preview Day;" first, Television Program, "Skilled to Work;" second, Website,

"www.iccms.edu/fitnesscenter;" first, Web Page, "gala.iccms.edu;" second, New Media, "Fireworks CRM;" first, New Media, "Inside ICC;" first, Public Relations Innovations, "Early Childhood Program Bilingual Curriculum Flyers;" first, Creative Partners, "I See A Leader Partnership;"

Aubrey Swanson - third, New Media, "LetsGoICC On the Road Series;"

Donna Thomas - third, Special Publications/Promotions, "Time Capsule;" third, Digital Art/Photo Illustration for Digital Art Tribute Featured in Ripcord Dinner Theatre Promotions;" third, Radio Spots, "ICC 75th Gala;" second, Radio Spots, "Fall Preview Day;" second, Multi-Media Presentation, "2023 Orientation Presentation;" second, Radio Spots, "Fall Preview Day;" second, Multi-Media Presentation, "2023 Orientation Presentation;" second place, Website, "www.iccms.edu/fitnesscenter;" second, New Media, "Fireworks CRM;" first, New Media, "Inside ICC;" second, Creative Partners, "Dinner & Demo Series;" first, Creative Partners, "I See A Leader Partnership;" and reelected treasurer of the association for 2024-25;

Margaret Todd - second, New Media, "Fireworks CRM;"

Taylor Tutor - third, Photograph, "New Semester Excitement;" first, New Media, "Inside ICC;" third, Exhibits, "Valentine's Day Photo Booth;"

Michael Upton - first, Web Page, "gala.iccms.edu;"

Holly Weeden - first, Public Relations Innovation, "Early Childhood Education Program Bilingual Curriculum Flyers;"

Steven West - second, Website, www.iccms.edu/fitnesscenter;" first, Web Page, "gala.iccms.edu.;" and

Maggie Wilkinson - third, Photograph, "New Semester Excitement."

The awards covered work produced during 2023. Both two- and four-year colleges received awards in separate categories.